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Global Environment Facility (GEF), Finland and support from the Chinese Ministry of Finance, the program under the leadership of and with financial energy finance business. IFC delivers the CHUEE energy finance space across more than 30 countries development, has been working in the sustainable sector companies, and government agencies — key players in China's economy — banks, private marketing, engineering and project development financing market. CHUEE provides its partners with technical expertise and support in the sustainable energy finance market and assists in assessing the risks and opportunities of the renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

What is CHUEE?

IFC’s China Utility-based Energy Efficiency Finance (CHUEE) Program is an innovative market-based solution to China’s energy and environmental challenges. IFC, in collaboration with and providing expertise to financial institutions, is assisting in creating a sustainable energy financing market.

The CHUEE Program is aimed at banks, private sector companies, and government agencies in China. IFC provides its partners with technical expertise and support in the sustainable energy finance market.

Since 2006, the CHUEE program has helped key players in China’s economy — banks, private sector companies, and government agencies — collaborate in creating a sustainable energy financing market. CHUEE provides its partners with technical expertise and support in financing, marketing, engineering, and project development for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

The program has been successful in helping banks develop their pipelines, portfolios, experience, and expertise in the sustainable energy finance market.

How does CHUEE work?

Companies require financing when implementing energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. This means they can obtain access to finance, knowledge-sharing on latest trends, and assessments of future market developments. Governments, as they analyse the capital sector to make a strong contribution to government efforts in mitigating climate change.

The program adds value to:

- Financial institutions, because it provides a risk guarantee that allows them to lend to climate-smart projects. This means they can increase their business and revenues from new and existing clients and are positioned as responsible corporate citizens, helping to reduce energy waste and improve China’s environment.
- Small and medium enterprises, as they can be provided with access to finance, knowledge-sharing on latest trends, and assessments of future market developments.
- Governments, as it analyses the capital sector to make a strong contribution to government efforts in mitigating climate change.

Energy efficiency and renewable energy suppliers, because it enables their market to grow and helps to make suppliers’ business more sustainable.

In other words: it makes business sense.

"Obtaining access to finance is difficult for small and medium enterprises, and even harder for their energy efficiency projects. We hope to learn from CHUEE’s success, explore effective measures to promote energy efficiency projects, improve access to finance for smaller businesses, and help them contribute to sustainable development."

Mr. Wu Jinkang, Former Deputy General, International Department, Ministry of Finance.
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In China, lucrative energy efficiency and renewable energy projects continue to emerge. They just need to be recognized as they can mean good business for enterprises and those financing sustainable energy projects. Find out more about how IFC’s CHUEE program can help find and leverage such opportunities.

Eligible SMEs

A wide variety of SMEs will be eligible for financing. For more information on eligibility criteria, please contact the CHUEE program office at whbeloe@ifc.org.

Sectors include, but are not limited to:

- Manufacturing of Rare Chemical Materials and Chemical Products;
- Smelting and Processing of Ferrous Metals;
- Manufacturing of Non-ferrous Metals and Products;
- Manufacturing of Metal Products;
- Mining and Washing of Coal;
- Manufacturing of Paper and Paper Products;
- Manufacturing of Nonmetallic Mineral Products;
- Smelting and Pressing of Non-ferrous Metals;
- Manufacturing of Textiles;
- Mining and Processing of Ferrous Metal Ores.

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